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Addendum

Summary

The present report is an addendum to document E/ICEF/2004/P/L.26, which contains recommendations to increase the other resources ceiling for the approved country programmes for Cambodia, the Dominican Republic and Sri Lanka. This addendum contains an additional recommendation for the country programme for Malawi.

The Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve the recommendation to increase the other resources ceiling for the approved country programme for Malawi for 2002-2006, which brings the total increase in the other resources ceiling for the four country programmes to $47,200,000.

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Malawi

1. The country programme for Malawi for the period 2002-2006 (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.4/Add.1) was approved by the Executive Board at the second regular session of 2001 (decision 2001/14, E/ICEF/2001/6)) with an other resources ceiling of $35,120,000. The goal of the country programme is to improve the situation of children and women to fulfil their rights as articulated to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and is meant to be consistent with national priorities of alleviating poverty, reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and contributing to improving governance and human rights.

2. The objectives of the country programme are to: (a) create an environment conducive to the realization of children's and women's rights to survival, development, protection and participation; (b) reduce the transmission of HIV, especially among children and young people, and mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable groups; (c) strengthen the capacities of various duty bearers to meet their obligations to children in order to reduce child and maternal morbidity and mortality; (d) contribute to the establishment of effective sectoral investment frameworks, sector-wide approaches and the formulation and implementation of the poverty reduction strategy paper; and (e) strengthen national capacities in programme monitoring and evaluation and promote the use of data for strengthening programmes focusing on children, women and adolescents.

3. By 1 September 2004, the country programme has received $32,799,224 in other resources, representing 93 per cent of the total other resources ceiling for 2002-2006. Of these funds, 73 per cent have already been utilized and/or allocated for the five programmes that constitute the country programme, i.e., health; basic education; early child care and support to families affected by HIV/AIDS; water and environmental sanitation; and social policy, advocacy and communication. Firm pledges totalling $8,700,000 have been received for 2004 and 2005, and it is therefore anticipated that an additional $17,000,000 in other resources (including the $8,700,000) will be received in 2005 and 2006 for the last two years of the country programme cycle. These additional funds are needed primarily for prevention and treatment of malaria, immunization, child protection, support for orphans and other vulnerable children affected by HIV/AIDS, and girls' education.

4. Therefore, the Executive Director recommends that the Executive Board approve an increase of $17,000,000 in the other resources ceiling for the approved country programme for Malawi for 2002-2006, for a total other resources ceiling of $52,120,000 for the period of the country programme.

Recommended additional other resources

(In thousands of United States dollars)

Country programme	*Programme cycle*	*Approved or ceiling*	*Additional or to be approved*	*Total or ceiling*
Malawi	2002-2006	35 120	17 000	52 120